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### DANBURY.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wade, July the 5th, a baby girl. Claude Wise has purchased an auto.

Mrs. Rodgers and children Sundayed at the M. M. Young home.

Andry Paulding left for his home at Canton, Ills., Wednesday evening.

Lester, Nellie and Myrtle Cord went to Orleans, Wednesday night, coming home Saturday.

Danbury and Sunny Kansas girls played basket ball, Saturday evening, the score being in favor of Danbury, 22-23.

Mrs. Carry Shepherd of McCook, came over Sunday for a visit with relatives.

Dr. Strain of Oberlin, was over on business, Wednesday.

A few from here went to Indianola to the show, Tuesday night.

J. L. Sims and J. L. Newman were McCook pilgrims, Thursday.

The News office received a bunch of foreign papers the first of the week.

Rolla and Griff DeMay were fishing over on the Willow, Sunday.

George Gill came in Saturday from Norton, Kans., on his way to Akron, Colorado.

Alfred Ashton came down home Sunday, in his Reo car.

There was a number of people went to Standford, Saturday evening on the flat car to fish.

Quite a number from here went down on the train, Sunday, to the Chautauqua at Beaver City.

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### Notice to Creditors.

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In the matter of the estate of Juliet B. Hume, deceased:

Notice is hereby given to all persons having claims and demands against the estate of Juliet B. Hume, deceased, that they are required to present their claims with proper vouchers to the county judge of said county at his office at McCook on or before the 30th day of January, 1911, or the same shall be forever barred. All claims so filed will be heard before said county judge on the 1st day of February, 1911, at one o'clock p. m.

Witness my hand and the seal of said county court this 27th day of June, 1910.

(Seal.)  
J. C. MOORE, County Judge.  
HARLOW W. KEYES, Attorney.  
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## JAPANESE PREPARES TO TACKLE U. S.

### British Naval Expert Predicts Fight Without Interference.

### EUROPE WILL CALMLY WATCH

Alliance of Mikado and England, Expiring in 1915, Will Not Be Renewed, Asserts Gerard Fiennes—Philippines to Be Spoil of Yellow Nation Is His View of War's Outcome.

Discussion of Great Britain's naval policy is a thing that, to the American who hears the endless rounds of contesting argument, bids fair to "run on forever." Another English naval expert has discovered shadows in the Pacific cast by war clouds formed because of the relations between the United States and Japan, especially because of the American "open door" policy.

This latest contribution has appeared in the London Graphic, forming part of a series of articles which under the general title of "The Sovereignty of the Seas" have been embittering still further the "naval policy" wrangle. The author of this series is Gerard Fiennes, numbered among England's foremost naval experts and a man who is not particularly well liked at the admiralty because he insists on "speaking out in public."

#### British Alliance to Die.

Mr. Fiennes states that the Anglo-Japanese alliance cannot be renewed on its expiration in 1915 and that there are grave indications that this agreement may not conserve far eastern affairs on peace lines even before its existence is concluded. He argues, too, that Great Britain must give up its policy of regarding the empire in the light of the "hen and chickens" combination.

"Japan will," he asserts, "in the last analysis fight the United States very much for the reason that prompted Bismarck to fight France."

He admits that if Japan today ordered Germany out of Kiaochow the Kaiser would have no alternative but to move out, adding, however, that in such an event the old European league would revive and Germany, France and Russia would overwhelm the Mikado's people.

"But," contends this naval expert, "Europe is not going to lift a finger. I imagine, when war breaks out between Japan and the United States to save to the latter the islands of which it deprived Spain. Europe has a 'Monroe doctrine' of its own, and it includes the determination to leave the United States to stew in its own juice."

#### Japan Despises America.

"The Japanese are full of contempt for American brag and bounce, for the lack of national spirit or even of true nationality, which they discern in the Americans. They have a profound disbelief in the war worthiness of the American navy and an acute realization of the fact that the strategical situation is overwhelmingly in their favor."

"It is objected that the Japanese are too poor to fight. When will people recognize the fact which all history teaches—that it is the poor nations, not those which have grown rich and comfortable, which fight? The Prussia of Frederick the Great, the France of Napoleon, were poor."

"It ought to be so obvious as not to need saying that it is the nation which hopes to gain something, not the nation which is preoccupied in holding what it has gained, which is tempted to war. Japan is rich enough to afford war because, directly or indirectly, she will make war pay for itself."

### LARGEST STEAMER PLANNED.

German Liner to Exceed All Previous Size Records.

The largest steamship in the world is soon to be built at Hamburg for a German line, and the plans were recently inspected by Emperor William.

The ship will have a length between perpendiculars of 876 feet and a breadth of 85 1/2 feet. From keel to upper deck will measure 64 feet. She will have a speed of 22 knots and will be twice the tonnage of the Kaiserin Augusta Victoria.

The new giant liner if stood on end would top the Metropolitan tower in New York by 176 feet. If set down in the middle of Broadway between Twenty-sixth and Twenty-ninth street it would occupy the length of almost three city blocks, and its breadth would crowd back the buildings on both sides. A quarter of a mile track could be laid out around its deck. It would be higher than the average five story building.

#### Diving Is Remunerative.

The free instruction given by the United States navy at its seamen gunners' school includes a course in diving. Many of the younger bluejackets become very proficient in this work. Besides his regular pay, the member of a ship's crew, if a diver, receives an extra compensation of \$1.20 per hour for the actual time he is employed under water.

#### Virginia Has Best Pipeclay.

The largest clay pipe factory in the world is in Appomattox county, Va. The clay found in that section is specially adapted to this use.

### CHILEAN STEVEDORES.

A Ferocious Class of Men With the Manners of Savages.

At Caronel, the principal coaling port on the west coast of South America, it is customary for cargo boats to ship twenty or thirty Chilean stevedores, in addition to the regular crew, to break out the cargo which it is consigned to various ports farther up the coast. A worse looking lot of cutthroats than these seagoing longshoremen it would be hard to find even among the bandits of southern Europe or the old time pirates of the West Indies. Swarthy, undersized, dirty and clothed in nondescript rags, they are about the last notch in the scale of humanity.

What they lack in intelligence they make up in ferocity and animal cunning. Even a crew of Kanakas will refuse to berth or mess with them. Every man of them carries a knife and they are commanded by an overseer who is addressed as "captain" and exerts a certain degree of authority. They do their own cooking while aboard ship, each man serving as cook for a week, at the end of which time he resigns in favor of the next in line. Of course the "captain" never descends to manual labor, not even to work the cargo. He stands by with a cigarette between his fingers and directs his men. The table manners of these savages are the manners of the stone age. Neither knives, forks nor spoons are used, but every man grabs for himself and crams as much as he can into his mouth at once, greedily tearing the meat apart with his fingers and cleaning up the grease with a piece of bread, which also does duty as a napkin before it is swallowed. A number of sheep generally are taken out on these tramp steamers and killed when fresh meat is needed. When the Chileans learn a sheep is going to be killed they crowd around with tin cups or basins to catch the warm blood, which they drink eagerly. They also bring chunks of bread and sop up every drop that falls.—New York Press.

### THE FIRST PHOTOGRAPHS.

Head Tongs, Long Exposures and the Ordeal of Looking Pleasant.

An event was the taking of the first photograph in the olden days, when photography was still hampered by pitchforks and long exposures. There are few good baby pictures of our fathers. The fond mother and father sit bolt upright, frozen or petrified, while between them is a very starchy little dress surmounted by a very blurry little spot which represents a composite of several partial likenesses of the hopeful.

But it was with the child of ten or twelve years that the old time photographer succeeded best, the child that has reached the age capable of feeling the tremendous responsibility of having a picture taken. Every old album, such as used to grace the center table in the front room, parades before you a long array of these conscientious young people undergoing the terrible ordeal of "sitting." Loving mothers spent hours combing those smoothly plastered locks tightly back and binding them uncompromisingly behind with irreproachable ribbon bows. At the last moment, after the operator has screwed the iron fork tight up behind the trembling head and has pushed the huge camera here and there, ducking in and out under the black cloth in a most awe inspiring manner, mother has slipped into range and given just one more pat to the starchy skirts and one more tug at the big sleeves. Then there came the awful command, "Look pleasant," which the victim did by a remarkable effort of will, usually attaining somewhat the expression which comes over the face of a strangling cat. Five minutes later the "artist" announces that "that will do," and the family feels the same relief that comes to friends with the announcement that the "patient has survived the operation and is resting comfortably."—Detroit News-Tribune.

#### Pain and Sudden Death.

In angina pectoris, agony spasm of the heart, there are two chief features—pain and sudden death. The pain is coming and going, intense, peculiar, strange, awful, usually in the chest around the heart and spreading into the shoulders and abdomen. Death, which comes in a higher percentage than in any other known disease, for few ever get over it, is usually sudden, often, as the poet says, "life struck sharp on death." There are indeed in this disease many mysteries remaining to be cleared up. A father and his four children have died of angina pectoris.—New York Press.

#### At Sea.

A man was discovered one evening by a friend leaning disconsolately over the rail of a transatlantic steamer. "Are you waiting for the moon to rise?" asked the friend facetiously. "No," was the savage reply. "I have not swallowed the moon."—Los Angeles Times.

#### A Fine Distinction.

A small boy in the village school when writing a composition on "Quakers" wound up by saying, "Quakers never quarrel, never get into a fight, never claw and never scratch." Then he added, "Paw is a Quaker, but I really don't think maw is."—Delmar.

#### Where He Bluffs.

"Does Bliggins ever bluff when he plays cards?" "Never until he gets home and explains where he has been."—Washington Star.

True friends have no solitary joy or sorrow.—Channing.

### A DANGEROUS FISH.

The Peril That Comes With Catching an Electric Ray.

Trouble lurks in the least suspected spots. One would think a smooth shallow cove a safe place in which to float in a good craft, yet Charles Frederick Holder met with an adventure in just such a spot, which he relates in "Big Game at Sea." The author was visiting a friend on the New England coast, who was given to the study of natural history.

One day the author accompanied his friend on a collecting trip, and here is the story of the result as he told it. Opposite his house was a little bay with a clean sandy bottom. Over this we slowly drifted. I sat in the stern, enjoying the day and examining the curious things my friend drew out of the water. Suddenly he gave an ejaculation, and I saw him cling seemingly helpless, to his pole. His face was ashy pale, with a white appearance like one stricken with a fatal disease.

I sprang forward just in time to catch him as he fell back into the boat and lowered him to the seat. At first he could only motion toward the water. He was almost rigid. Finally he recovered enough to say "Torpedo." I saw the harpoon he was holding dancing about, evidently forced into a large fish. Grasping it, I soon discovered the trouble, for I received an electric shock strong enough to almost knock me over. I dropped the pole.

By this time my friend had recovered enough to tell me to let the fish remain where it was. With difficulty I rowed to shore. When the boat was grounded I picked up an old glass bottle, took a turn over it with the line and, with the help of this homemade insulator, pulled the fish on shore.

It proved to be one of the largest torpedoes, or electric rays, I have ever seen. Under certain conditions it would have been capable of killing a man. When touched the fish would roll its eyes dismally and give a low croak.

I have never known a man to be killed by one, but many have been injured, and, as for my friend, he did not recover in a week.

### AN OLD TIME DINNER.

British Table Manners in the Seventeenth Century.

An account of hospitality in England in 1629 gives a good idea of the manner in which a country gentleman of the period lived. Dinner and supper were brought in by the servants with their hats on, a custom which is corroborated by Fynes Moryson, who says that, being at a knight's house who had many servants to attend him, they brought in the meats with their heads covered with blue caps.

After washing their hands in a basin they sat down to dinner, and Sir James Pringle said grace. The viands seemed to have been plentiful and excellent—"big pottage, long kale, bowe of white kale," which is cabbage; "brach soppe," powdered beef, roast and boiled mutton, a venison pie in form of an egg and goose. Then they had cheese, cut and uncut, and apples. But the close of the feast was the most curious thing about it.

The tablecloth was removed, and on the table were put a "towel the whole breadth of the table and half the length of it, a basin and ewer to wash, then a green carpet laid on, then one cup of beer set on the carpet, then a little lawn serviter plaited over the corner of the table and a glass of hot water set down also on the table; then be there three boys to say grace, the first the thanksgiving, the second the Pater Noster, the third prayer for a blessing of God's church. The good man of the house, his parents, kinfolk and the whole company then do drink hot waters, so at supper, then to bed."—Exchange.

#### Mixing Religions.

The bright six-year-old daughter of an upper west side physician happened into his reception room the other day, and a waiting woman patient engaged her in conversation.

"I suppose you go to church and Sunday school?" she asked. "Oh, yes, ma'am," she replied. "And what denomination do your parents belong to?"

"Why," said the little one, "mamma's a Presbyterian and papa's a brain specialist."—New York Globe.

#### Their Fate.

The late Dr. Talmage once called on his lawyer and found two of his parishioners there on legal business of a private nature.

"Ah, doctor," called the lawyer in greeting, "good morning! Here are two of your flock. May I ask without impertinence if you regard them as black sheep or white?"

"I don't know as yet," replied Talmage dryly, "whether they're black or white, but I'm certain that if they remain here long they'll be fleeced."

#### Charged For Curiosity.

Mr. Bach—What is the reason you charge twice as much for my cuffs as you did formerly?

Laundress—Because you have begun making pencil notes on them. "What difference does that make?" "The girls waste so much time in trying to make them out."—London Spare Moments.

#### Indisputable Proof.

"You say they contested the will of the deceased?"

"Yes, and the court held that he was suffering from hallucinations."

"On what grounds?" "It appears that he left three-fourths of his property to his mother-in-law."—London Opinion.

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